

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

OFFICIAL WARNING  
VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

CASE NUMBER:  
**MI150042**

VIOLATOR:  
Oakwood Research Facility Inc.

Customer# 7588  
License# 34-A-0119

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about **February 3, 2015 and April 14, 2015**, you or your organization committed violations of the following sections of the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 9:

**2.40 (b)(2) and (b)(3) ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE**

On Feb. 3, 2015 you failed to observe the rabbits to assess their health and well-being. A rabbit was non-responsive as he was in a hunched position with his nose pressed up against the front of the cage. When removed from the cage, the rabbit's hindquarters were covered with diarrhea and therefore had to be euthanized. The animals must be observed on a regular basis and any issues need to be communicated to the attending veterinarian. In another incident, the employees failed to use the euthanasia SOPs by having too many rabbits in the euthanasia chamber. This leads to unnecessary distress and suffering. Employees must be trained to follow the SOPs at all times.

**3.53 (a)(1)(repeat) and (a)(2) PRIMARY ENCLOSURES (repeats)**

On Feb. 3, 2015 and Apr. 14, 2015, multiple primary enclosures were sagging and had a large buildup of urine and feces. Leaky lixits were causing rust and broken wire. Wire points were protruding and the wire and urine guards were loose leading to two loose rabbits. The employee told the inspector that all loose rabbits had to be euthanized. The caging must be repaired or replaced to prevent possible injury and escape leading to unnecessary suffering or euthanasia.

**3.54(a) FEEDING (repeat)**

Continuous leaky lixits had caused feces from upper cages to run down into the cages' receptacles below. Also water that had caused excessive rust was splashing contaminated water down into the food receptacles. The lixits must be fixed to prevent animal health hazards and the cages must be cleaned on a regular schedule.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) created federal regulations to ensure the welfare of animals and help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impacts that are detrimental to the public interest, APHIS is providing you with an Official Warning for the violation(s) described above. Any further violation of these federal regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty, criminal prosecution, or other sanctions. If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning or violation(s), please contact the APHIS official listed in this notice.

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